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1. ON THE SUBJECT OF AIR MANPOWER DISAGGREGATION, IT DOES NOT
APPEAR, AS MISSION SUGGESTS IN PARA 5 REF A, THAT THE UK AND
FRG PROPOSALS ARE THE SAME. HOWEVER, THERE IS A SIMILARITY IN
THE UK AND FRG PROPOSAL WHICH COULD BE USED TO ADVANTAGE IN
GAINING ALLIANCE AGREEMENT ON A WORKABLE APPROACH.

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2. UK PROPOSAL (REF B) AS EXPLAINED TO DELOFFS HERE IS A
FUNCTIONAL APPROACH. IT WOULD PROVIDE ONE NATIONAL FIGURE WHICH
INCLUDED OPERATIONAL FLYING UNITS, AIR DEFENSE UNITS AND THE
BASE HQ AND BASE SUPPORT OF THESE UNITS. IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE
A SECOND NATIONAL FIGURE FOR THE RESIDUAL PERSONNEL (MAJOR HQS,
TRAINING UNITS, REAR SERVICES, TACTICAL AIR CONTROL UNITS,
AND AIRMEN IN BERLIN). USING DATA IN AC/276-D(76)6, THE UK METHOD

WOULD RESULT FOR USAF, FOR EXAMPLE, IN A TOTAL OF 14,750 IN THE FIRST FIGURE WITH THE BALANCE IN THE NATIONAL RESIDUAL.

3. THE FRG PROPOSAL DIFFERS FROM THE UK PROPOSAL IN THAT, FIRST, IT DISAGGREGATES THE DATA ALONG ORGANIZATIONAL LINES RATHER THAN BY FUNCTION AND SECONDLY, IT PROVIDES NO SEPARATE NATIONALLY DESIGNATED FIGURES FOR RESIDUAL MANPOWER. THE FRG PAPER STATES THAT THE BREAKDOWN OF AIR MANPOWER DATA "SHOULD CORRESPOND TO THE HANDLING OF GROUND FORCE MANPOWER DATA" WHICH IN THE FRG PROPOSAL IS DISAGGREGATED INTO FIGURES FOR MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS. THUS, THE FRG AIR MANPOWER PROPOSAL WOULD PROVIDE NATIONALLY DESIGNATED FIGURES FOR PERSONNEL IN MAJOR COMMANDS SUCH AS THE FRG TACTICAL AIR COMMAND-- THE "LUFTFLOTTE", WHICH ACCORDING TO THE FRG PAPER "CORRESPOND TO GROUND FORCE CORPS." (FYI AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, LUFTFLOTTE REFERS TO THE FRG TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, ONE OF THE FIVE LUFTWAFFE COMMANDS.) THE FRG APPROACH WOULD RESULT IN TABLING A NATIONALLY DESIGNATED US FIGURE BASED ON ENTIRE STRENGTH OF THE PRIMARY US COMMAND IN THE AREA WITH OPERATIONAL FLYING UNITS, USAF (ABOUT 22,000). THE OTHER 8,500 USAF PERSONNEL WOULD BE LUMPED IN THE UNDIFFERENTIATED ALLIANCE RESIDUAL.

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4. AS MISSION NKOTES, UK PREFERENCE IS TENTATIVE AND CAN PROBABLY BE BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH FRG APPROACH WHEN IT IS EXPLAINED AS A BLEND OF THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONAL APPROACHES. BOTH UK AND FRG PROPOSALS PROVIDE A SEPARATE FIGURE WHICH INCLUDES OPERATIONAL AVIATION AND AIR DEFENSE UNITS ALTHOUGH WITH DIFFERENT MINOR EXCEPTIONS. (E.G., AIR TRANSPORT IS NOT INCLUDED AS OPERATIONAL AVIATION UNDER THE FRG PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT IS NOT PART OF THE TACTICAL COMMAND.)

5. IF THE FRG APPROACH WERE USED, THE FOLLOWING TACTICAL AIR COMMANDS/TACTICAL AIR ARMY DATA WOULD APPARENTLY BE EXCHANGED:

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A) BELGIAN TACTICAL AIR FORCE
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B) CANADIAN AIR GROUP NO. 1
C) FRG TACTICAL AIR COMMAND
D) NETHERLANDS TACTICAL AIR COMMAND
E) RAF-GERMANY
F) USAFE

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G) COMBINED TOTAL FOR CSSR 7TH AND 10TH AIR ARMIES OR TWO SEPARATE FIGURES

H) GDR AIR DEFENSE ARMY

I) COMBINED TOTAL FOR POLISH TACTICAL AIR FORCE AND NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE COMMAND OR TWO SEPARATE FIGURES

J) COMBINED TOTAL FOR SOVIET 16TH AND 37TH AIR ARMIES OR TWO SEPARATE FIGURES

6. DELEGATION RECOMMENDED TWO ALTERNATIVES IN REF D. ONE ALTERNATIVE WOULD PROVIDE TWO FIGURES FOR EACH NATION: A NATIONAL TOTAL COMPRISING THE PERSONNEL IN EACH NATION'S COMBAT AIR COMMANDS OR AIR ARMIES AND A SECOND NATIONAL FIGURE FOR THE RESIDUAL. THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD PROVIDE NATIONALLY DESIGNATED FIGURES FOR EACH SEPARATE AIR COMMAND AND AIR ARMY AS WELL AS NATIONALLY DESIGNATED RESIDUALS. FRG PROPOSAL CONFORMS TO THE DELEGATION'S FIRST ALTERNATIVE FOR WESTERN OPERATIONAL COMMANDS, HOWEVER FRG DELOFFS HERE BELIEVE BONN IS FLEXIBLE ON HOW TO HANDLE THE EASTERN AIR FORCES. WE CONSIDER THE DELEGATION APPROACH PREFERABLE TO THAT OF THE UK BECAUSE IT AVOIDS THE DEFINITIONAL QUESTION OF HOW MUCH COMBAT SUPPORT IS INCLUDED IN "AN OPERATIONAL FLYING UNIT" AND BECAUSE IT WOULD DECREASE

CONFUSION IN INITIAL EXPOSITION AND LATER DATA EXCHANGE WITH
THE EAST. IN ANY EVENT IT IS CLEAR THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO TABLE
NATIONAL DESIGNATION OF THE AIR MANPOWER RESIDUALS FOR THE
SAME REASON AS IT IS REQUIRED FOR GROUND FORCE RESIDUALS. RESOR
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